

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT BRANCH

Washington, D.C. 20570

Via email

April 15, 2022

Re: FOIA Request NLRB-2022-000570

Dear Mrs. Jennifer Ortega:

This is in response to your request, under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. § 552, received on February 11, 2022, in which you requested all communications between the National Labor Relations Board's Designated Ethics Official Lori Ketcham and/or her staff to NLRB Members Gwynne A. Wilcox and/or David M. Prouty regarding their participation in any cases involving the Service Employees International Union and their local affiliates. You agreed to assume financial responsibility for the processing of your request in the amount of \$200.00.

We acknowledged your request on February 11, 2022. In a February 23, 2022 email with a member of my staff, you agreed to accept the records responsive to FOIA Request NLRB-2022-000150 to satisfy your request.

Pursuant to the FOIA, a search of the Agency's FOIA request processing system, FOIAonline, has been conducted. The search located the records released in FOIA Request NLRB-2022-000150, which I have attached. I am also attaching, for your convenience, a copy of the response letter that accompanied this FOIA production as it explains the redactions to the attached records and the withheld records.

For the purpose of assessing fees, we have placed you in Category D, the "all other requesters" category, because you do not fall within any of the other fee categories. Consistent with this fee category, you will be assessed charges to recover the reasonable direct costs for searching for the requested records, except that you will not be charged for the first two hours of search. NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(d)(2)(ii)(D). Under the circumstances of this request, there are no fees assessed.

You may contact Stephanie Ostrowski, the Attorney-Advisor who processed your request, at (202) 501-8648 or by email at stephanie.ostrowski@nlrb.gov, as well as the Agency's FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and/or to discuss any aspect of your request. The FOIA Public Liaison, in addition to the Attorney-

FOIA Request NLRB-2022-000570 April 15, 2022 Page 2

Advisor, can further explain responsive and releasable agency records, suggest agency offices that may have responsive records, and/or discuss how to narrow the scope of a request in order to minimize fees and processing times. The contact information for the FOIA Public Liaison is:

Kristine M. Minami FOIA Public Liaison National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: FOIAPublicLiaison@nlrb.gov

Telephone: (202) 273-0902 Fax: (202) 273-FOIA (3642)

After first contacting the Agency, you may additionally contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA dispute resolution services it offers. The contact information for OGIS is:

Office of Government Information Services National Archives and Records Administration 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS College Park, Maryland 20740-6001 Email: ogis@nara.gov

Telephone: (202) 741-5770 Toll free: (877) 684-6448 Fax: (202) 741-5769

You may obtain a review of this determination under the NLRB Rules and Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 102.117(c)(2)(v), by filing an administrative appeal with the Division of Legal Counsel (DLC) through FOIAonline at: https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home or by mail or email at:

Nancy E. Kessler Platt Chief FOIA Officer National Labor Relations Board 1015 Half Street, S.E., 4th Floor Washington, D.C. 20570 Email: DLCFOIAAppeal@nlrb.gov

Any appeal must be postmarked or electronically submitted within 90 calendar days of the date of this letter. Any appeal should contain a complete statement of the reasons upon which it is based.

FOIA Request NLRB-2022-000570 April 15, 2022 Page 3

Please be advised that contacting any Agency official (including the Attorney-Advisor, FOIA Officer, or the FOIA Public Liaison) and/or OGIS does not stop the 90-day appeal clock and is not an alternative or substitute for filing an administrative appeal.

Sincerely,

ISI Synta E. Keeling

Synta E. Keeling FOIA Officer

Attachment: (43 pages)